

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted to advance the prosecution of the case.

1. A minor specification change has been made. The Examiner will see that the change does not involve the introduction of new matter.

2. Pursuant to the requirement for election of species, applicant elects the species A directed to an armor containing circular disk-shaped beads.

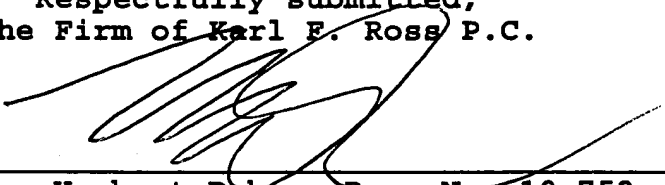
The election of species is believed to be in error in attempting to distinguish between species A and species B. Species B is defined as an armor containing disk-shaped beads. In applicant's opinion, the term "disk" is generic. Attention may be directed to page 3, lines 21 to page 4, line 26. From there one can conclude that the bead (a generic term) may be a disk-shaped member (subgeneric term) which is a thin generally flat member (definition of disk) with a hole which may be centered or off-center (page 4, line 15) and which can be circular or noncircular or one of a plurality of holes (page 4, line 25) and wherein the disk can be circular or noncircular (page 4, line 19) and may even be of irregular or polygonal outer periphery. Thus species B includes species A and species A and B are thus not patentably distinct species and are related as species and subgenus respec-

tively. Incidentally the same applies to species B and C, species B and D and species B and E, respectively. The Examiner is requested therefore to withdraw the holding that species B is patentably distinct from species A, C, D and B.

With the election as thus made, the following claims are deemed to be readable on the elected species: 1 (generic), 2 (generic), 3 (generic), 4 (generic), 5 (generic), 6 (generic), 7 (elected species), 9 (generic), 10 (elected species), 11 (generic), 12 (generic), 13 (generic), 14 (generic), 15 (generic), 16 (generic), 17 (generic), 18 (generic), 19 (subgeneric).

An action on all of the above-listed claims is therefore awaited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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